

THE STATE OF FLORIDA 1915(b) PROGRAM

Project Name:	Medicaid Inpatient Psychiatric Services for Individuals under age 18
Project Initial Approval:	January 1, 2002
Project Initial Expiration:	December 31, 2003

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The State of Florida operates a managed care waiver program entitled Medicaid Inpatient Psychiatric Services for Individuals under age 18, under the authority of §1915(b)(4) of the Social Security Act (the Act). The administration of the waiver program is the responsibility of the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). The State of Florida is divided into 11 Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health (ADM) districts, and at least one contractor will be selected in each area through a competitive bid process.

HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

This selective contracting waiver program provides specialized inpatient psychiatric facilities for individuals under the age of 18 on a statewide basis, with limited provider enrollment. Additionally, this waiver proposal allows for a longer length of stay when medically indicated, in order to meet the treatment needs of children and adolescents who are not ready for a safe return to the community after only 60 days.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

This waiver provides comprehensive inpatient psychiatric services for individuals under the age of 18. The same utilization management activities that the State of Florida currently uses for its acute care inpatient and existing waiver inpatient psychiatric programs are applied to these services. Through a collaborative effort between AHCA, ADM, and the utilization management contractor, the state expects a decrease in the use of inpatient services and recidivism for waiver participants.

COST EFFECTIVENESS

Florida projects savings of approximately \$18 million during the two years of the waiver period.

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